



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

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BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT II
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
DOCKET NO. 02-AFC-1

Evidentiary Hearings - Purpose:

The California Energy Commission Blythe II Committee (Committee) is reviewing an Application for Certification (AFC) filed in February 2002 by Caithness Blythe II LLC to add to the existing Blythe Energy Project with a 520-megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined cycle electric generation facility.

Evidentiary Hearing topics:

The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to establish the factual record upon which this case will be decided through the taking of oral, written, or documentary evidence from the official parties to the proceeding on the topics listed in the side bar.

Air Quality*
Alternatives*
Biology*
Compliance
Cultural Resources*
Efficiency
Facility Design
Geology
Hazardous Materials*
Land Use*
Noise
Public Health
Reliability
Socioeconomics*
Traffic and Transportation*
Transmission Line Safety
Transmission System
Engineering*
Waste Management
Water Quality & Soils*
Water Resources*
Worker Safety
Visual Resources*

The public and interested agencies are encouraged to attend and make comments on the topics to be discussed listed in the side bar. For consideration in the Committee's Proposed Decision, written comments on the topics can be submitted to the Energy Commission, Docket Unit (00-AFC-14), 1516 - 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 **before August 2, 2005.**

Whether made at the evidentiary hearing or submitted in writing, public comments will be entered into the record of the proceeding and may be used to supplement or explain the evidence in the record. Public comments by themselves, however, are not sufficient to support a finding of fact or a decision on an issue.

The Commission's Public Adviser is available to provide information or to assist those interested in participating at the evidentiary hearing, but cannot act as the attorney for any party. Contact Margret J. Kim, the Public Adviser at 916-654-4489 or toll-free 800-822-6228 or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us

(* Contested Topics)

Evidentiary Hearings - Dates & Place:



Monday & Tuesday, August 1 & 2, 2005
Beginning times shown on Appendix A, attached
Blythe City Hall - Administration
Council Chambers
235 N. Broadway
Blythe, California 92225
(Map attached)

Evidentiary Hearing – Procedures:

Witnesses may appear by declaration instead of in person if the topic is uncontested. If a topic is contested, a witness must appear in person to testify under oath and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties.

A party sponsoring an expert witness, either by declaration or in person, shall establish the witness' qualifications.

Uncontested and contested topics and the order of testimony are shown in Appendix A, attached.

**Deadline for Filing and
Service of Prepared
Written Testimony:
July 15, 2005**

Prepared written testimony, including declarations, shall be filed and served on or before July 15, 2005. Testimony not timely filed may be offered as comment.

Prepared written testimony shall be in English. Any party requiring translation assistance during the evidentiary hearing shall so inform the Commission's Public Adviser on or before July 15, 2005.

Assistance:

800-822-6228
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Members of the public may participate in all phases of the licensing process in a variety of ways. If you need information concerning public participation, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at 916-654-4489 or, toll free in California, at 800-822-6228, or by e-mail at: **[pao@energy.state.ca.us]**

Information concerning the status of the project, notices and other relevant documents are available on the Commission's Web Site at:

www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/blythe2

Contacts:

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to the Energy Commission Staff's Project Manager, Bill Pfanner, at 916-654-4206 or e-mail: **[bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us]**

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Garret Shean, the Hearing Officer, at 916-654-3893 or e-mail at: **[gshean@energy.state.ca.us]**

Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications, at 916-654-4989 or by e-mail at: **[energia@energy.ca.gov]**

Dated: July 1, 2005

**ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

_____/s/
JOHN L. GEESMAN
Commissioner and Acting Presiding Member
Blythe II AFC Committee

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ARTHUR H. ROSENFELD
Commissioner and Associate Member
Blythe II AFC Committee

Mailed to Lists: 7086, 7087, 7088

Appendix A - Order of Testimony

Date - Time	Activity
8/1 - Monday	
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction/Preliminary Matters
9:30 – 12:30	Project Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
	Transmission System Engineering: Transmission Outlet & Potential Downstream Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
	Biology: Potential Evaporation Pond Impacts & Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
Lunch: 12:30 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00	Water Resources: Groundwater Use & Quality; Water Conservation Offset Program (WCOP); Surface Water Transportation; LORS (Integrated Energy Policy Report) Compliance; Well Interference; Dry Cooling Alternative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
5:00 – 5:30	Public Comment
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner (Following Public Comment; one hour duration)
6:30 – 10:00	Water Resources: (continued)
	Water Quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
	Alternatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
8/2 - Tuesday	
9:00 – 12:30	Uncontested Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Declarations Staff's Declarations
	Traffic & Transportation: Airport Safety & Airport Land Use Commission Override <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination

	Visual Resources: Vegetative Screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination • Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 4:30	Socioeconomics; Labor impact from Applicant's WCOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination • Staff's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination • Intervenor Garnica's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination
	Intervenor Garnica's Topics: Air Quality, Biology; Water Res./Quality; Cultural Resources; Efficiency; Airport Safety & Transmission Lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervenor Garnica's Written Direct Testimony & Cross-examination • Applicant Rebuttal & Cross-examination (if any) • Staff Rebuttal & Cross-examination (if any)
	Modification of Conditions: Air Quality; Biology; Hazardous Materials & Cultural Resources
4:30 - 5:00	Public Comment & Close of Record

* For clarity of the record and administrative convenience, the Committee may establish a panel of a party's witnesses for either or both direct testimony, rebuttal testimony, or cross-examination.

Evidentiary Hearings
August 1 & 2, 2005

